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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPCINCEUR

REF KUWAIT 0133 (DTG 100717Z JAN 76)

1. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES AND SHARES EMBASSY'S CONCERN (REFTEL) OVER NUMBER OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS TO KUWAIT IN THE PAST YEAR. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT GOK VIEWS THESE VISITS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROAC REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THIS FACT IN CONSIDERING FUTURE TRAVEL REQUESTS TO KUWAIT.

2. DEPARTMENT WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF CANCELLATION WAS MENTIONED AT THIS TIME. THOUGH WE CONCUR THAT AVOIDING FURTHER KUWAITI MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE PURPOSES OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS IS BENEFICIAL, WE FEEL TAT CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT AT THIS LATE DATE COULD LEAD TO UNDESIRABLE SPECULATION ON THE PART OF THE
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GOK. THEREFORE, ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE THAT GEN. HUYSER'S

VISIT SHOULD GO FORWARD AS SCHEDULED.
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